at selected first referral units.

*Financial assistance for contractual appointments/hiring of Anesthetists/Gynecologists/Safe Motherhood consultants/ Staff Nurses/Lab. Technicians/Additional ANMs etc.

*Skill based in-service training for capacity building of ANMs and other health functionaries.

Efforts are also being made to increase the outreach of health care services through Swasthya Melas and Reproductive and Child Health camps etc.

Survey on nutritional problems of people

1510. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ever surveyed the nutritional problems of people living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to address nutritional problems in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Though no specific survey of nutritional problems of people living below poverty line was carried out at national level, National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) of Indian Council of Medical Research conducts regular diet and nutritional surveys covering different segments of population including rural, urban, tribal areas of ten States. Department of Women and Child Development in the Government of India has carried out district level nutritional surveys during 1995-96 in 187 districts of 18 States/UTs covering rural and urban population. Further, National Family Health Survey-II (1998-99) has also covered nutritional status in its report. According

to these surveys, pre-school children, pregnant and lactating women are nutritionally vulnerable. In addition, emerging nutritional problems are related to adolescent nutritional and geriatric nutrition.

(c) The policy of the Government is to tackle the nutritional problems of various target groups in a systematic manner and in close coordination with the State Governments and Union Territories. The exact strategy is being finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission.

Awareness about AIDS

1511. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of level of awareness about AIDS being a killer disease, State-wise;

(b) the role played by the National AIDS Control Organisation in this regard and the measures proposed to intensify awareness programme especially in Bihar; and

(c) when was the National AIDS Control Programme started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA) (a) Details are at Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) A statement is attached at Statement-II *(See* below).

(c) The National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) Phase-I was started in the year 1992.